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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with the concurrently filed Continuation Patent Application Request. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits. The present amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and do not in any way constitute new matter.

An Appeal Brief in the parent case Serial Number 09/602,883, was first due on May 10, 2003 and this Continuation Patent Application Request includes a Petition for an Extension of Time of five months to and including October 10, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.